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APPROVED MINUTES
BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Sacramento, CA
July 11, 2012

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
Bruce Saito
Mark Andre
Richard Wade
J. Keith Gilles

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Ostrowski
Susan Britting
Mike Miles

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Matthew Dias, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Eric Huff, Regulations Coordinator
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ken Pimlott, Director
Janet Barentson, Chief Deputy Director
Bill Snyder, Deputy Director Resource Management
Duane Shintaku, Asst. Deputy Director, Forest Practice
Russ Henly, Asst. Deputy Director, Resource Protection
Pete Cafferata, Forest Hydrologist

The Board's Mission:

To lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

Call to Order

Chairman Dixon called the July 11, 2012 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

Announcement of Actions Taken in Executive Session

No session held

Approval of Minutes

07-12-01 Member Saito moved to approve May, 2012 Minutes. Member Andre seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS

Report of the Chairman.

No Report

Report of the Director/Department.

- There have been approximately 3,000 fires to date; this is over 1,200 more than last year at this same time. Two major fires to report, the Sites Fire at 4200 acres, 70% contained and the Mill Fire on the Mendocino National Forest 1650 acres, 35% contained. Cal Fire has reached peak staffing, as of Fourth of July week. Cal Fire's resources are staffed including aviation assets.
- Redding pilot project, there have been 7 timber harvest plans submitted from the pilot area as the beginning of March. The pilot area will continue to receive and process plans through the end of the calendar year at which time it will be evaluated.
- Trigger cuts will be implemented if the Governor's Tax Initiative does not pass in November. For Cal Fire that would mean a \$10 million cut. Language for the Timber Harvest Plan reform process is still in discussion between the Administration and Legislature; Director Pimlott hopes it will be resolved before the end of legislative session. The legislative bill for NMTP expansion was pulled, the department will continue to work with the Administration through the next session to support the process.
- Jackson Demonstration Advisory Group, the application process for three vacancies with JAG closed at the end of June. The department is looking to fill those vacancies. There were four applicants, and are working to conduct interviews and hope to have some recommendations for the Board in August or September. Also related to the Jackson Demonstration Advisory Group, there has been a review of the charter. Updates were made based on what was learned the first few years and the Department will be bringing it before the Board within the next month or two.

Report of the Regulations Coordinator.

On July 9, 2012 OAL approved the re-adoption of the State Responsibility Area Benefit Fee regulation; the new date for the extension is October 24, 2012.

Report of Executive Officer.

Executive Officer Gentry brought attention to an article in the Auburn newspaper regarding a Forest Hill Timber Parcel that remains unsold. Mr. Gentry mentioned the article to bring out the fact that investment in timberland is declining rapidly because of regulatory constraints and should be a concern for the Board.

There is a request from Cal Fire on policy guidance relating to state forests, he included the proposed policy concerning special events. There was no action on the policy as it still has to be thoroughly discussed with the State Forest Program regarding what they want accomplished. Mr. Gentry suggested it as a strawman for consideration. He added a definition for concession and gave examples of concessions that are discouraged and went over key points of the policy.

Mr. Gentry noted a letter from Justin Augustine of the Center for Biological Diversity, related to a previous MSG meeting. Pete Cafferata gave details of the meeting in a presentation later in the Board meeting. Mr. Gentry gave background information regarding issues between the Battle Creek Alliance and Sierra Pacific Industries relating to the Bagley-Keene Act.

Mr. Gentry gave an overview of the following legislation: SB 455, SB 1541, AB 2284, SB 1241

Report of the Standing Committees

Forest Practice, Mark Andre, Chair

The next special Road Rules meeting is scheduled for 12:00-3:00 PM, August 6, 2012.

Received an update on the status of the Fire Prevention Precaution regulation. The regulation will be allowed to expire in December 31, 2012.

Resource Protection, Bruce Saito, Chair

RPC meeting was cancelled

Report of Board's Advisory Committees

- Forest Pest Council-

- California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF) – Katie Palmieri

- SODMAP is now accessible through the COMTF homepage (www.suddenoakdeath.org) under quick links.
- A fourth, genetically distinct lineage of *Phytophthora ramorum* has been discovered in the United Kingdom on Japanese larch.
- Four California nurseries were found *P. ramorum* positive in June – two within the quarantine area and two within the regulated area..

Full report available in Board's Binder

- Monitoring Study Group- Pete Cafferata

Mr. Cafferata gave a presentation of the meeting at Judd Creek that was held on June 13, 2012:

The purpose of this MSG field meeting was to view and discuss the Judd Creek Cooperative Instream Monitoring Project, including observation of field instrumentation, logging units, reforestation sites, road and crossing improvement work, and hillslope sediment monitoring sites. The Judd Creek study is a cooperative project between Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), which was formalized in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by both entities in 2005. As stated in that document, the primary goal of the project is to determine the impacts of clearcut silvicultural treatment, road construction, and road rehabilitation work associated with a single Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) on water quality (i.e., a THP-scale effectiveness monitoring project). A companion THP-scale effectiveness monitoring project is located in South Fork Wages Creek in western Mendocino County (Campbell Timberland Management and CAL FIRE).¹ The Judd Creek study plan written in 2004 is posted at the following website: http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/board_committees/monitoring_study_group/msg_archived_docume

nts/msg_archived_documents_/judd_creek_final_prospectus_msg_maps.pdf.

Copy of the report and PowerPoint presentation in the Board binder.

- **Research and Science Committee- George Gentry**

Board was presented with a recommendation from the committee regarding the formation of a Research Planning Team for JDSF

- **Committee on Criminal Trespass- George Gentry**

Met with Madeline Melo and discussed issues they are dealing with. Mr. Gentry will be attending a meeting in Ft. Bragg.

Mr. Gentry has been doing some informal inquiries with law enforcement on issues they are dealing with. Discussed with Director Pimlott some approaches in terms of creating an information database. One key element on safety issues is coordination with other agencies regarding sharing information.

- **Range Management Advisory Committee- George Gentry**

The Forester II position in Fresno County, when it is filled, will serve to staff a position on RMAC. RMAC has not met in over a year because of staffing constraints. It is anticipated that RMAC will meet within the next few months.

- **Professional Foresters Examining Committee – Matt Dias**

The following Registered Professional Foresters requested withdrawal of their license pursuant to 14 CCR §1608(a):

GARY ARNESE	RPF 1550	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
JOHN BRYANT	RPF 488	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
GERARD DAVIS	RPF 704	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
J FREEMAN	RPF 398	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
RICHARD GROMER	RPF 1826	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
WILLIAM HAIRE	RPF 1246	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
STEVEN HENSON	RPF 2632	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
LAWRENCE JENSEN	RPF 1668	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
MARC LACASSE	RPF 2668	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
TED LUCREZI	RPF 1998	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
DANIEL MAYMAR	RPF 2042	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
EUGENE MURPHY	RPF 1164	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
HARRY SHEEHAN	RPF 2480	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
JOHN STECHMAN	CRM 12	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
TED TSUDAMA	RPF 1778	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016
JENNY WHITAKER	RPF 2786	07/01/2012 - 06/30/2016

The following Registered Professional Foresters voluntarily relinquished their license to practice forestry due to retirement:

ROBERT ADAMS	RPF 2086
DANIEL ANDERSON	RPF 1745
KENNETH BIRD	RPF 467
ARTHUR CARROLL	RPF 1322
WILLIAM CONWAY	RPF 1730
CLIFFORD CURRY	RPF 1484
BARRY DAVIS	CRM 38
NANCY DRINKARD	RPF 1979
FRANK GODDARD	RPF 1777

The Office of Professional Foresters Registration noted the recent passing of the following Registered Professional Foresters:

HAYDN REINECKER

RPF 1353

07-12-02 Member Andre moved to grant the RPF withdrawals. Member Saito seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The following twenty (20) applicants successfully completed an examination administered on April 13th, 2012 and have met the requirements of the Professional Foresters Law for licensing as Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) or Certified Rangeland Manager:

Mr. Ronald Hutchinson	RPF No. 2952
Ms. Angeline Welter	RPF No. 2953
Mr. Bruce Barr	RPF No. 2954
Mr. Brian Bowles	RPF No. 2955
Mr. Robert Birdsall	RPF No. 2956
Mr. Jeff Oldson	RPF No. 2957
Mr. Glen Schall	RPF No. 2958
Mr. Tyler Geist	RPF No. 2959
Mr. Colin Noyes	RPF No. 2960
Mr. Kevin Young	RPF No. 2961
Mr. Kevin Kiniery	RPF No. 2962
Mr. Jake Blaufuss	RPF No. 2963
Ms. Ashley McClung	RPF No. 2964
Mr. Seth Smith	RPF No. 2965
Mr. Michael Papa	RPF No. 2966
Mr. John Pickett	RPF No. 2967
Mr. Nicholas Knipe	RPF No. 2968
Mr. Todd Truesdale	RPF No. 2969
Mr. Shawn Headley	RPF No. 2970
Mr. Lance Criley	CRM No. 99

07-12-03 Member Andre moved to approve registration of RPF applicants. Member Gillless seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

SPECIAL BOARD HEARINGS/REPORTS

Executive Officer Gentry reported on the review of the Fire Safe Regulations and the PRC 4290 Working Group.

- SB 1241 (Kehoe) would add some additional work regarding review of the safety element.
- The Fire Safe regulations were intended to reduce costs and losses associated with structure protection in the SRA, as well as providing for the safety of firefighters and the public.
- Safety Elements, and the Fire Safe regulations all are part of planning, development, and maintenance in the SRA.
- The Fire Plan provides a basis for vertical linkage of all these elements.

- The group is focusing on the intent statement initially, and eventually will develop a guidebook and processes for a consistent review of ordinances.

CONCLUSION

Public Forum

Richard Gienger: Coho Confab August 17-19, 2012, Trinity River, California. 6th Annual Spring-run Chinook Symposium, August 16-17, 2012, Trinity River, California. Timber Harvest Working Group has been addressing issues that the Board has been concerned with.

New and Unfinished business

None

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,



George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

ATTEST:



Stan Dixon
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.